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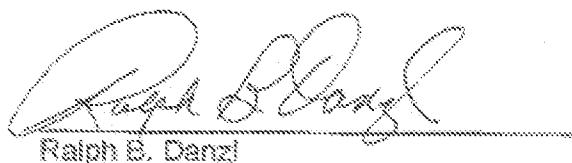
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I hereby declare the following:

- 1) I am currently and correctly named as an inventor in the pending patent application entitled "MEDICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING", U.S. patent application serial number 10/723,016.
- 2) The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was conceived of by me and the other named inventors before February 28, 2002.
- 3) An Invention Disclosure Form was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration before February 28, 2002 (a redacted copy of said form is attached hereto).
- 4) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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